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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: McNamara

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the West Side Nut Club.

Whereas, Founded on March 16, 1921, the West Side Nut Club is one of Evansville's most civic minded groups;

Whereas, This unique organization began when a small group of businessmen and merchants from the west side of Evansville decided to form an organization to proclaim the interests of the west side;

Whereas, The founders elected officers, decided upon a specific time and place to meet, and established a set of aims and principles for the organization;

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Whereas, The organization prospered and grew to its current 300 member roster whose main event each year is the Fall Festival, a weeklong gala with free entertainment, carnival attractions, over 126 food booths, amateur talent competitions, and a huge parade that is considered to be one of the largest street festivals in the country;

Whereas, The estimated attendance for the Fall Festival is close to 250,000, and the proceeds afford the club an opportunity to donate to the community throughout the rest of the year;

Whereas, The yearly average donation of the West Side Nut Club to the community is between \$200,000 and \$225,000;

Whereas, The group estimates that it has donated approximately \$5,000,000 since the club's founding;

Whereas, Since the group's main focus is on the youth of the area, the larger donations go to schools in the area, but the club also makes contributions to many organizations, including the Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation, Howell Booster Club, Ozanam Family Shelter, Dream Center, Evansville police and fire departments, American Red Cross, and Albion Fellows Bacon Center;

Whereas, In addition to donations to education, the West Side Nut Club also supports such organizations as Wish Upon A Star, Easter Seals, and MDA;

Whereas, Although the origin of the name West Side Nut Club is unknown, perhaps the members considered themselves to be the acorns from which the future "mighty oaks" would grow; and

Whereas, The West Side Nut Club has dedicated itself to helping those in need in the community and continues to work toward this admirable goal: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the many contributions of the West Side Nut Club to
3 those in need and urges the members to continue working to improve
4 the lives of those around them.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the West Side Nut
7 Club.

